

## His Part 19- The Church

The Church is God's gift to us that helps us accomplish His calling and his mission; "To follow Jesus and make disciples."

***11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12***

***27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27***

The works of service that Paul is referring to are not just the responsibility of a select few who have been called and resourced.

***14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14***

The local church is a group of professing believers in Jesus Christ who meet in a particular location on a regular basis.

The Global Church is made up of all believers in Jesus Christ worldwide.

***34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35***

Apostles and Prophets laid the foundation for the church.

***20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20***

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**Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers are the leaders called to build on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets.**

**An evangelist is a uniquely gifted person who verbally declares and demonstrates God's grace.**

***...in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15***

***he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. 9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:8-9***

**The responsibilities Elder include:**

- **Equipping the church to do the good works that God prepared for us to do.**
- **Encouraging us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received.**
- **Building on the foundation of the prophets and apostles of which the cornerstone is Christ by holding us to sound doctrine.**

**Our mission is to reach people for Jesus on a global scale and the local church is where we receive the necessary training, support, structure and accountability to complete that mission.**